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Business Brisk
All departments connected with the fishing industry report that business has been brisk this week with collections slightly easier.

The waterfront shipyards have a number of boatbuilders employed upon the building of new power boats while the repairing end and the building of skiffs and rowboats has been particularly busy lately.

While the halibut arrivals have not been heavy, the prices offered on the Fish Exchange for both first and second class fares have kept at a remunerative level and it is the consensus of opinion the halibut prices will have more of a tendency to creep up than to slide down from now on. The weather on the deep sea fishing grounds has not been of the best but no very severe storms have been encountered and fishing has been well up to the average in volume for the time of year. No untoward happenings have been reported.

From reports to hand the salmon trollers operating in the vicinity of Dundas and Hippo Islands are meeting with good success and the spring salmon are running well up to the average for the time of year. All boats of the trolling fleet are out, one or two of the "luggers" getting away this week.

Lots of Natives

This week has seen a considerable number of native craft anchored in Cow Bay and surrounding waters from Kitkalla, Port Simpson, Melakalla and other northern points which put into port for supplies on their way to the canneries and trolling grounds. Most of the boats have been doing mechanical repair work and otherwise overhauling their boats before engaging in the final dash of the journey.

Challenge Accepted

Jack Nicholls, of Cold Storage fame, has picked up the gauntlet thrown down by George Bushby, of tow boat fame, in last week's issue of the Whiffs wherein the latter challenged the W.R. Lord. The result of the race, which is expected to be pulled off any day now, will be published in these columns, so order your copy of The News early to avoid disappointment. The stakes are "high", both as to value and smell. George bets a sack of fertilizer against Jack's box of kippers but there are strings to the stakes. If Jack wins the fertilizer it will be on condition that it is only used for "pepping up" the plants and ferns inside the house and upon no account is to be used on the garden outside. Jack's condition is that if George wins the box of kippers they are only to be cooked upon the electric range and fried in oilichan oil. If the tugboat owner cannot eat them that way he will have the satisfaction of knowing that his house has been perfectly fumigated against the persistent mosquito or any other insect gifted with a taste for human blood. It is understood that the course of the race will be laid out with "empty" beer kegs to prevent any enforced breakdowns on the way. Arthur Little will probably make a book on the outcome of this auspicious sporting event.

A Columbia river boat is being remodelled for Cecil Ross of Port Simpson on the Suga ways. The boat will be converted into a salmon troller and when completed will be powered with a brand new 6 h.p. Vivian engine.

A new keel for a 32 foot seine boat is being laid at the Suga ways for Andrew Lewis of Kitkalla. The beam will be 9 feet 6 inch and the boat will be powered with a 14 h.p. Frisbee engine.

With old King, Sol beaming in right royal fashion on Sunday last the Yacht Club wharf was all hustle and bustle and every boat was put into commission on

picnic dashes. From early morning until late in the afternoon members were leaving the floats and it was late in the evening before the final boat was berthed on the homeward bound voyage. Any engine that had a "kick" at all left in it from last season was given the juice and made to perform its function of carrying heavy baskets of "goodies" to say nothing of the human freight.

W. Ridley, Lowe Inlet, is installing a 12 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse gas engine in his boat Snooks in place of a 5 h.p. Frisbee.

Yacht Club Gala

On Thursday, June 4, the Yacht Club will put on a regular gala day including power boat races, rowboat races, canoe races and other amusing stunts. A picnic "a la floats" will be held by members and their friends. The sports will include a power boat race for the Yacht Club silver cup in which all boats will participate, a handicap boat race in which the winner will take the "pot" subscribed to by the entrants, men's and ladies' mixed doubles, men's and ladies' singles, and a speed boat race over a six mile course. The day promises to be a humdinger in the sporting annals of the city and members are busy getting everything in apple pie order for the occasion.

The new Universal engine has arrived for C. G. Minns' boat and will be installed immediately.

The power boat Nechako, owned by G. H. Arnold, will shortly be taken up on the McLean ways for a general overhaul.

A. Macdonald's newly acquired coastal cruiser Vaquero is to take a prominent part in the Yacht Club festivities on June 4, and to this end the work on the installation of the 35 h.p. Sterling engine is being rushed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward are leaving over the holiday week and aboard their power launch Eva on a fishing trip to Spiller River.

New Machinery

Several new and up-to-date machines have been installed at the Miller Cannery, Seal Cove, to take care of the salmon canning operations to be undertaken this season. Among the latest machines to be installed is an automatic can filler. Three electric motors to drive the new machines have been installed by the Ward Electric Company, one of 15 h.p. and two of 5 h.p. capacity.

The Canadian schooners E. Lipsell, Gibson and Wave have been up on the Ward ways for painting this week.

McLean Busy

The new Wicks' halibut boat is nearing completion on the McLean ways and it is expected the hull will be given its first taste of salt water today. The boat will be powered with a Vickers-Peters 24-28 h.p. semi-deisel engine.

The 20 h.p. Hein Skibsmotor engine has arrived from Denmark for the new Havmoller 38-foot halibut boat. The keel will be laid as soon as the Wicks' boat is clear of the ways.

Joe Howe is re-modelling a 35 foot boat on the Cow Bay creek ways in which will be installed a 4 cycle Buffalo engine.

The installation of an electrical starting device on the semi-deisel engine has been completed on the tugboat P.R.T., of the Bushby towing fleet, and the famous tug is now ready for any marine business that offers.

The tugboat M.T.E., Capt. Reggie Green, flagship of the Bushby towing fleet, left port at 8 o'clock yesterday morning for the Georgetown mill to bring

down a carload of lumber for the Big Bay yards.

The new halibut boat Alken, Capt. Hanson, left on her maiden trip to the hilbul banks this week.

The power boat Petrel, Reuben Leighton, was in port from Melakalla this week and had a new exhaust fitted at the Akerberg Thomson shops.

Oscar Strum has purchased a 5 h.p. Imperial gas engine from the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., which he is installing in his boat prior to leaving for the Dundas Island salmon trolling grounds.

Going Logging

Axel Anderson arrived in port on Monday morning from Butedale aboard his schooner Rose McCoy. Axel is quitting the halibut fishing and will in future devote his earnest attentions to logging. While in port he equipped himself and craft for logging operations and has now proceeded to his camp situated on the shores of Milbank Sound.

Fine New Boat

The new general utility power boat recently built at the Vancouver shipyards Ltd. for Messrs. Gammon & Waff has arrived in port. She is a fine looking craft and has a fast turn of speed. The boat measures 62 feet long by 15 feet beam and is powered with a 60 h.p. 4 cylinder, 2 cycle, Fairbanks-Morse oil engine. She is built of fir with oak finishing and hardwood stern with the usual seine boat layout. The new boat is to be commissioned in the fish packing business this season.

The Violet J., a new tender for the Lockport Cannery, Queen Charlotte Islands was in port this week. The boat was built by Erickson Brothers, North Vancouver. Her dimensions are 54 feet long by 13 feet 8 inch

beam and has a depth of hold of six feet, 1 inch. The boat is powered with a 40 h.p. Danish deisel engine and has an auxiliary 3 h.p. gasoline engine for charging batteries, etc. when the big engine is not running.

Gasper Gordon, of Sunnyside cannery, is having a seine winch installed on his power boat Dolohin.

The New Cook

Yes, sir, it served him durned well right. He kept looking for work and eventually found it as cook on the Beaver cannery tender Hope, and that's where Geo. Murray got the name of the White Hope. Anyway George was always a good sport and we hope the crew of the Hope will not hope for better food in vain. Someone on the waterfront remarked the other day that George looked as though he had something heavy on his mind and now we know what it was. George was dying to cook a cake for the welfare of the inner man. Some wit once remarked that "a piece of George's cake was good for belly ache" and we are game to take his word for it. It has been said that one of the beauties of this life is to see George in his white cap trying to whip the yellow color out of the yoke of an egg. Yes, sir, he's mighty particular too, is George, about the ingredients in his messy results. If an egg says a word back to him it never gets a second chance to speak, he strangles it right there. And clean, why George is the acme of cleanliness. He even dusts the coal before he puts it on the fire. And honest, why George is so honest that if a bee left a sting in him he'd give the sting back to the bee. And good, why George is so good that if you pass any unsanitary remarks about his cooking he'll make you eat the whole works. If you chance to see a body of well fed looking men up-town, who can't get into the stores because the

doors are too narrow, you'll know they are the crew of the good ship Hope and that George's dainties are the reason. Good luck, George.

Charlie Edwards, formerly owner of the schooner Azores, is having a new boat built in Vancouver. The boat is 62 ft by 15 ft. beam and will be powered with a 3 cylinder, 4 cycle, 65 h.p. Western Enterprise deisel engine of 8 1/2 inch bore and 12 in stroke.

Matthew Hill, of Kitkalla, is expecting a new 8 h.p. Vivian engine to arrive from the south any day. Upon arrival the new (continued on page six)

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